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HALLOWEEN COSTUMED BANK ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CHANDLER EDWARD SASO, 29, of Marysville, California, and ANDREW E. WILSON, 20, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today to a single felony count of bank robbery before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr.

The case was investigated by the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Yuba City Police Department, and the Marysville Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, on September 10, 2007, SASO and WILSON donned Halloween costume materials, namely face paint, sunglasses, head coverings, and spray hair color, to carry out the robbery of the Schools Financial Credit Union, 1055 Gray Avenue, Yuba City, California. The two robbers went into the credit union and demanded thousands of dollars; SASO demanded the funds from the teller while WILSON watched the lobby and covered the doors. As part of the plea agreement in this case, each of the defendants has agreed to pay full restitution to the credit union.

The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on February 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. by Judge Burrell. Each defendant faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a three year term of federal supervised release. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.